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Maryland Historical Trust

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How to Participate in the Section 106 Process

Are you concerned about a project in your community that may impact historic or archeological resources? Federal, state, and certain local laws afford varying levels of protection to our cultural heritage. Public input about these significant places is vital to guiding project planning and the decision-making process.

If the project has state or federal funding, permitting, licensing, or other agency involvement, the law requires the involved agency develop measures to avoid, reduce or mitigate any harm to historic and cultural resources. This historic preservation review process is commonly called “Section 106”. MHT review helps ensure agency compliance with the laws and promotes the appropriate stewardship of Maryland’s heritage resources.

The [project review staff list](#) identifies the appropriate person to contact if you have concerns about a project we are reviewing. If your concerns involve a project we are not involved with staff will try and help direct you appropriately.

Some projects may be subject to review or controls under local jurisdictions. MHT’s participation in project review is solely limited to those projects where there is state or federal agency involvement.

The ACHP’s [Citizen’s Guide to Section 106](#) was designed to help citizens make their voices heard by explaining the Section 106 process and how to constructively contribute to that process.

Other preservation advocacy organizations you may be interested in include:

- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#): Is a privately funded nonprofit organization, which works to save America’s historic places. They are a leading voice for preservation.
- [Preservation Maryland](#): Founded in 1931 is dedicated to preserving Maryland’s historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archaeological sites through outreach, funding, and advocacy.
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